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1. Pro-Soviet action in Afghanistan, planned by the Kremlin for the summer of 1954 will be pushed through by present Afghan leadership quietly and without providing any occasion for the interference of the Western powers.

2. Agreement as to the transfer of power has been reached with Mohammed **Daud Khan**, present Premier, who has been advised by India to avoid any occasion for conflict with the USSR. The present King of Afghanistan, Mohammed Zahir, will be allowed to leave the country quietly, and a group of pro-Russian chiefs from Kandahar and Herat will take over.

3. There is no intention of a Communist revolution in the country. A new friendship treaty will guarantee Soviet military and air bases in Afghanistan, with the control of communications leading to the frontier of Pakistan.

4. The friendship treaty is to be accompanied by a commercial agreement for providing Afghanistan with Soviet and satellite manufactured goods and the exploitation of Afghan resources in tin, lead and nitrates.

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